

WASHINGTON – Congressman Tim Ryan (OH-17), a member of the House Budget Committee, applauded the release of the Department of Education's Pell Grant Schedule, which will set the Pell Grant maximum award at \$5,550 for the neediest students in the next academic year. This increase was made possible through the Continuing Appropriations Amendment, passed through Congress and signed by President Obama last year, as well as the College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007.

**“Thanks to the leadership of the Democratically-led Congress, over 9 million students from low and middle income households will be able to make their dreams of higher education a reality through the help of these necessary resources,”** said Congressman Tim Ryan. **“I urge my Republican colleagues to recognize the doors of opportunity they would close by reducing these awards significantly. If we want to get serious about economic recovery, then we must provide the resources in order to make our workforce competitive at all levels.”**

Last week, the Republican-led Congress passed House Resolution 38, which by preliminary estimates would reduce the current Pell Grant maximum award by over \$1,500, while hundreds of thousands would see their grant aid reduced by around 25 percent. Congressman Ryan strongly opposes that GOP plan and voted against H. Res. 38.

The Pell Grant program currently provides scholarship aid to 9.2 million students each year.